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SUBJECT: R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON - INDOPAC CLEARANCE REQUEST

1. R/V THOMAS WASHINGTON, A PRIVATE VESSEL OPERATED BY SCRIPPS INSTITUTION OF OCEANOGRAPHY, IS PLANNING TO CONDUCT A RESEARCH CRUISE FROM MARCH TO SEPTEMBER 1976.

2. EXPEDITION INDOPAC IS AN INVESTIGATION OF THE GEOLOGY AND PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY OF THE MARGINAL BASINS OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. WORK IN THE EARLY PART OF THE CRUISE IS PRIMARILY PHYSICAL OCEANOGRAPHY, AND WORK IN THE LATTER PART PRIMARILY GEOPHYSICS; THE TWO DISCIPLINES OVERLAP CONSIDERABLY IN PARTS OF THE CRUISE.

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THE SHIP WILL BE OUTFITTED WITH NANSEN AND NISKIN BOTTLES

AND REVERSING THERMOMETERS, CTD, XBT'S, THERMOSALINOGRAPH, FREE-FALL CURRENT METERS, MID-WATER TRAWLS, DREDGES, PLANKTON AND NEUSTON NETS, SINGLE-CHANNEL ANALOG AND MULTI-CHANNEL DIGITAL SEISMIC REFLECTION SYSTEMS, PISTON CORER, GRAVITY CORER, DREDGE, GRAVIMETER, MAGNETOMETER, 12 AND 3.5 KHZ ECHO-SOUNDER, AND EQUIPMENT FOR SINGLE-SHIP AND TWO-SHIP SEISMIC REFRACTION MEASUREMENTS.

3. SEVERAL COOPERATIVE ARRANGEMENTS AND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS ARE INVOLVED IN THE CRUISE. MUCH OF THE WORK

IN THE MARGINAL BASINS OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC FALLS WITHIN THE GENERAL FRAMEWORK OF THE CCOP/IOC/IDOE PROGRAM SEATAR: STUDIES OF EAST ASIA TECTONICS AND RESOURCES, AND SPECIFICALLY IN THE PHILIPPINE AND BANDA TRANSECTS OF THAT PROGRAM. LEG 4 IS PART OF THE PHILIPPINE SEA TRANSECT OF SEATAR, AND IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT AND CCOP. LEG 8 CONSTITUTES PART OF THE BANDA SEA TRANSECT OF SEATAR; IT IS BEING CARRIED OUT IN COOPERATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA AND THE COOP, IN COOPERATION WITH THE WOODS HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION. A PORTION OF THE WORK ON LEG 7 IS ALSO PART OF THE BANDA SEA TRANSECT; THE WORK IS BEING DONE IN COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA AT SANTA CRUZ, CCOP AND THE GOVERNMENT OF INDONESIA.

4. LEG 5, WHICH CONSTITUTES A PORTION OF THE PHILIPPINE TRANSECT PROPOSED FOR SEATAR, IS A PRE-DRILLING SITE SURVEY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF OCEAN DRILLING, AND A US-REPUBLIC OF CHINA COOPERATIVE PROJECT.

5. SUPPORT FOR THE SCIENTIFIC INVESTIGATIONS ON THE EXPEDITION IS COMING FROM THE NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, THE OFFICE OF NAVAL RESEARCH, AND THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, THE NATIONAL SCIENCE COUNCIL OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA, AND THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE PHILIPPINE REPUBLIC AND THE REPUBLIC OF INDONESIA. SOME OPENINGS STILL EXIST FOR COMPATIBLE ANCILLARY PROGRAMS OF RESEARCH ON THE CRUISE.

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6. A COMPREHENSIVE PROSPECTUS IS BEING SENT VIA AIRGRAM TO ALL ADDRESSEES. IT INCLUDES CHARTLETS DEPICTING THE SURVEY AREAS, THE NAMES OF THE SCIENTISTS FOR EACH PHASE, A COMPLETE SCHEDULE INCLUDING PORT CALLS, AND CHARACTERISTICS OF THE THOMAS WASHINGTON. THERE ARE TWO BERTHS AVAILABLE ON EACH LEG OF THE CRUISE FOR FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS AND ALL DATA RESULTS WILL BE SHARED WITH

THE HOST GOVERNMENTS. A PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE IS INCLUDED
BELOW:

LEG 1 24 MAR - 05 MAY JAPAN

LEG 2 05 MAY - 21 MAY JAPAN, GUAM

LEG 3 21 MAY - 22 JUN TAIWAN (EAST COAST), PHILIPPINES

LEG 4 22 JUN - 07 JUL GUAM -

LEG 5 07 JUL - 29 JUL GUAM, TAIWAN(EAST COAST)

LEG 6 29 JUL - 13 AUG TAIWAN, PHILIPPINES

LEG 7 13 AUG - 31 AUG PHILIPPINES, INDONESIA, AUSTRALIA

LEG 8 31 AUG - 30 SEP AUSTRALIA, INDONESIA

7. ONLY A LIMITED PART OF THE RESEARCH WILL BE CONDUCTED
WITHIN THE JURISDICTIONS OF COUNTRIES IDENTIFIED IN PARA
6. THEREFORE, THE ACTION REQUESTED FOR CLEARANCE PURPOSES
IS AS FOLLOWS:

JAPAN: REQUEST CLEARANCE TO CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RE-
SEARCH WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL WATERS OF JAPAN DURING
24 MAR - 12 MAY 1976.

PHILIPPINES, TAIWAN AND AUSTRALIA: REQUEST CLEARANCE TO
CONDUCT MARINE SCIENCE RESEARCH WITHIN THE TERRITORIAL
WATERS AND ON THE CONTINENTAL SHELF DURING 24 MAR -
30 SEP 1976.

INDONESIA: ACTION NOT REQUIRED. DR. CARL BOWIN OF WOODS
HOLE OCEANOGRAPHIC INSTITUTION WILL ARRANGE CLEARANCE
FOR THIS PART OF THE EXPEDITION FOR THE THOMAS WASHINGTON
AND THE ATLANTIS II, WHICH IS OPERATED BY WOODS HOLE.
DR. BOWIN IS SUBMITTING REQUESTS THROUGH THE INDONESIAN
BUREAU OF MINES. MAW
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